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The proposed physical education facility soon to be constructed.

Chapel-Auditorium-Physical Education Project Authorized

The Taylor University Board of Trustees at a meeting in Chicago on March 27, approved the remodeling of Maytag Gymnasium into a 1,600 seat chapel/auditorium and the construction of a physical education facility, according to Dr. Lester C. Gerig, Chairman of the Board. Construction on the physical education facility is scheduled for late spring with the remodeling of Maytag to begin immediately upon its completion.

This decision was made in response to the recommendation of the Forward Planning Commission and in keeping with the Trustees' stipulation that all funds for this project be secured from sources not now providing financial support to

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One Thousand Attend 41st Youth Conference



Photos by Steve Anderson

"One of our main goals is to have a fruitful conference and not simply a 'successful' one. If everything goes perfectly and we haven't glorified the Lord, then we've accomplished nothing." This was the conviction of Youth Conference co-chairman Vicki McCormick, senior from Batavia, Ohio. She continued: "Youth Conference is not for the purpose of promoting Taylor University, although Taylor has been blessed by it."

"Another goal is to meet the needs of Taylor students," stated co-chairman Montie Gardner, senior from Columbus, Ohio. "We feel that Youth Conference will be a source of spiritual growth for the campus."

Despite tenuous gasoline supplies, approximately 1,000 high school youth from many states attended the 41st annual Conference March 29-31. By all measurable standards the event met the expectations of the co-chairmen and the 40-member student cabinet.

Guest speaker Milt Richards, field representative for Youth For Christ, concentrated heavily on the theme of Christian love. He told the students: "when a person shows a weakness or fault, don't simply criticize or reject that person. He or she may be the reason for your existence. This attitude of personal concern and involvement is part of the concept of abiding together in Christ."

"There is a sense of personal affirmation at Taylor," he continued. "The spirit of Christian love provides a climate of acceptance. You are not a mistake even though you may feel different or inadequate. The strength of the body of Christ is not in unity so much as in its diversity. All of us can be beautiful vehicles for expressing God's love."

Both Mr. and Mrs. Richards expressed deep appreciation for the warmth and friendliness of the Taylor students.

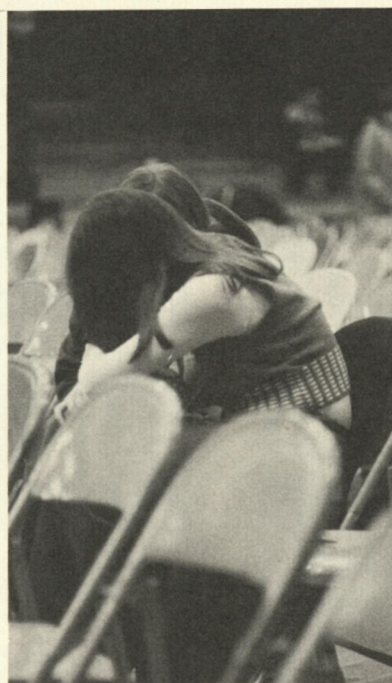
Outstanding music was a highlight of the Conference which featured an enthusiastic band and a 50 voice choir. This group, under the direction of Dave Songer, sophomore from Grand Ledge, Michigan thrilled the gymnasium audience with fine choral music and contemporary selections.

The Conference chorus, based on the theme "Power to Become" was written and composed by Steve Amerson, sophomore from Canton, Ohio. Kirk Parr, junior from Fort Wayne, prepared the orchestrations.

A cabinet of 40 students began preparations nearly a year ago. This group arranged for accommodations, altar counselors, 150 discussion group leaders, publicity, registration, music, sponsor coordination, follow up, art, traffic, technical directors, special projects and other responsibilities.



One of many discussion groups



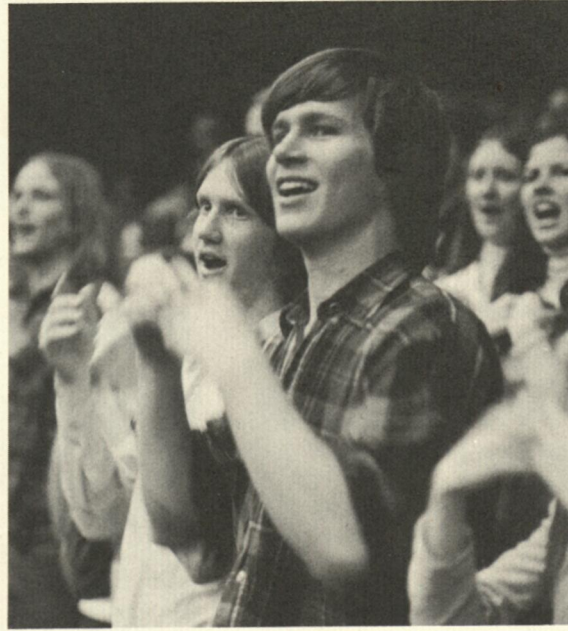
Some remained long after services for counselling



Discussion Group leaders round up conferees



The care and feeding of 1,000 high schoolers is a logistics challenge.



Spirited singing in the Youth Conference tradition.



Conference speaker Milt Richards

Project continued from cover

Taylor. A quiet fund raising effort launched in October, 1973, was designed to avoid directing current giving away from the Annual Fund.

Total project cost for both facilities will be approximately 1.2 million dollars with slightly more than \$1 million raised in cash and pledges to date. The balance of the funds required will be secured during the next several months through personal contacts. A capital campaign is not planned at this time. In making the announcement Dr. Gerig stressed the Board's appreciation for the support of many alumni, parents, and friends whose increased unrestricted annual giving is providing a base of confidence for this decision.

"In today's world we must be prepared to move ahead with boldness and faith rather than to retreat under the pressure of a declining emphasis upon values in the spiritual dimension of human experience," Dr. Gerig stated.

"These two facilities represent Taylor's commitment to both the physical and spiritual dimensions of life not often emphasized in programs of higher education," he added.

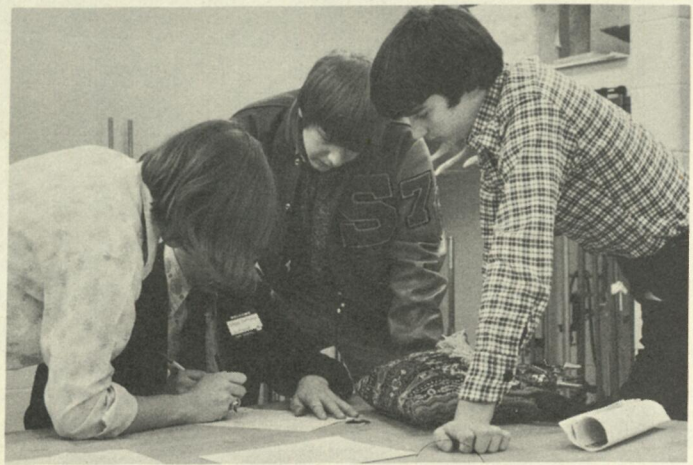
The plans for the Maytag remodeling are not yet completed but will include the addition of a lobby area to the building and the necessary interior modifications to provide for not less than 1,600 seats. Emphasis will be placed on maintaining the acoustical quality of the existing structure for both speaking and musical programs.

The new physical education facility containing approximately 40,000 square feet will be a pre-engineered combination steel and masonry building designed to accommodate both the physical education program and intercollegiate sports. The gymnasium portion will seat approximately 2,000 in bleachers for athletic events and an additional 900 on folding chairs for convocations.

In addition to the regulation college basketball court, three cross courts will be provided for intramural sports. Three team rooms each for men and women's intercollegiate sports, locker rooms, a training room, classroom, weight room, faculty offices, two handball courts, and a wrestling and gymnastics room will also be a part of the facility. Although a swimming pool is not in the original plan the building is designed for the economical addition of a swimming facility when sufficient funds are available. The new building will be located just north of the campus woods.

In commenting on the Board action, President Milo A. Rediger stated, "I feel encouraged by the Board's own reaffirmation of the number one priority of the chapel/auditorium and the opportunity to secure that facility and an adequate physical education building in a manner consistent with our stewardship responsibility."

"We are also most appreciative of the opportunity Taylor will have to work with the Leffler Construction Company, a local builder selected to do the construction on the physical education building," he added.

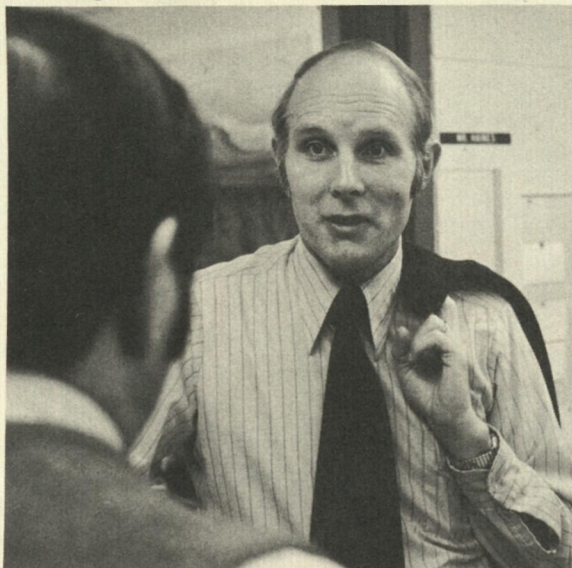


Math Department Sponsors Field Day

Concentration and logic were the order of the day as students from nine high schools took part in the Mathematics Field Day at Taylor University March 23.

The schedule of competitive events included a tandem relay, power test, rapid transit marathon and individual games. Sponsored by the Taylor Mathematics Department, the field day was designed to stimulate interest in math and to recognize ability and achievement among high school students. Dr. David Neuhouser directed the day's activities.

Dr. George Haines



Dr. Haines Named to Key AACTE Post

Dr. George Haines, Director of Teacher Education and Professor of Education, has been appointed by the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education to serve as liaison member for the State of Indiana. This appointment was made by the National Board of Directors at Washington, D.C. for a three year term ending in December, 1976.

Dr. Haines will represent the approximately thirty-two higher education institutions in Indiana which prepare teachers. Also, his responsibilities will include being a communications agent between the national office and Indiana colleges and universities for the purpose of promoting quality teacher education in the State of Indiana.

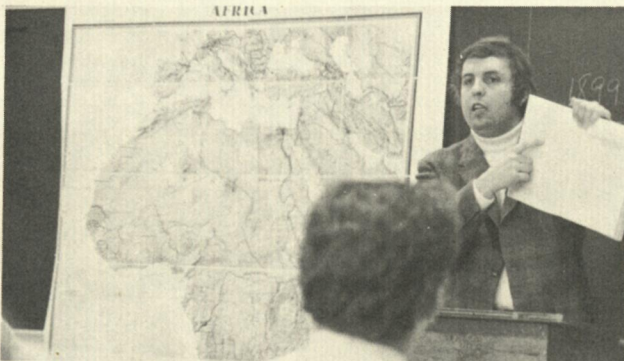
A working conference is being planned for this summer to detail effective ways of improving teacher education nationally. Also, this workshop will provide avenues for exchange of information and innovative aspects of teacher education among the various representatives of the fifty states. Dr. Haines served as state president of the Indiana unit of the AACTE during 1973.

Four Professors Earn Doctorates

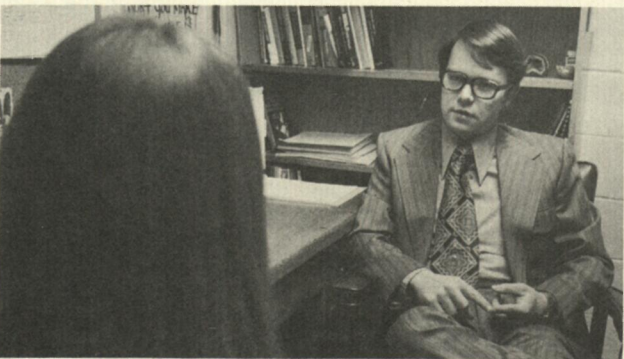
Four Taylor University professors recently received doctoral degrees, according to Dr. Robert D. Pitts, Dean of the University.



Dr. Ruth Breuninger



Dr. Roger Jenkinson



Dr. Charles Nies

Ruth Ann Brueninger, assistant professor of religion, received the Ed.D. from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Roger L. Jenkinson ('60), assistant professor of history, received the Ed.D. from Oklahoma University. Charles M. Nies, assistant professor of psychology, was awarded the Ph.D. degree from the University of Texas, and Dr. Kenneth D. Swan, assistant professor of English, received the Ed.D. degree from Ball State University.



Dr. Kenneth Swan (left) and Dr. Dale Heath discuss literary work.

Queen Mary Is Site of Club Meeting

The famed oceanliner, the Queen Mary, was the setting for a Presidential Reception and Dinner Saturday evening April 6. Approximately 90 friends of Taylor attended the event and heard Dr. Milo A. Rediger present a major address. Other participants included Stan Reed '55, Fred Stoutland and his daughter Debbie, a Taylor junior. Debbie represented the Admissions Office.

Kenneth ('52) and Ann (Smith '50) Dunkelberger, coordinators of the event, were assisted by Dr. William and Virginia (Balk) Pickering '53.

The group promoted the project to aid in transportation costs for Taylor students from the West Coast. Among the guests were Dr. Rediger's sister, Freida, from Glendora, and Dr. Paul Barkman, clinical psychologist and former Taylor professor. Jack Van Vessem, Director of Alumni Affairs, also attended. Music was provided by soloist Jack Markey.

President Rediger Honored by Phoenix Group

(See photos at right)

A total of 70 persons, twice the number expected, attended a reception honoring President and Mrs. Milo A. Rediger at the Arizona Biltmore Hotel in Phoenix on April 5.

In appreciation of Dr. Rediger's major leadership in Christian higher education, Mr. Gary Nelson the Attorney General for Arizona, presented the President with a Zuni Indian Kachina doll, (a memento of the culture of the southwest). Dr. Rediger is a graduate of Phoenix Union High School.

Wendell and Judy (Sweet '61) England coordinated the event and Dr. Jon Askew '65 introduced Dr. Rediger who gave a short address.



Dr. Jon Askew '65, left, and Mr. Delbert Olson, Taylor Associate, visit with Dr. and Mrs. Milo A. Rediger during Phoenix Reception.



The Rev. Wendell England, coordinator of the event.



Mrs. Terry Snider, parent of a prospective student, enjoys fellowship with Taylor junior Debbie Stoutland and with Mrs. Joel Eidsness, a friend of the University.



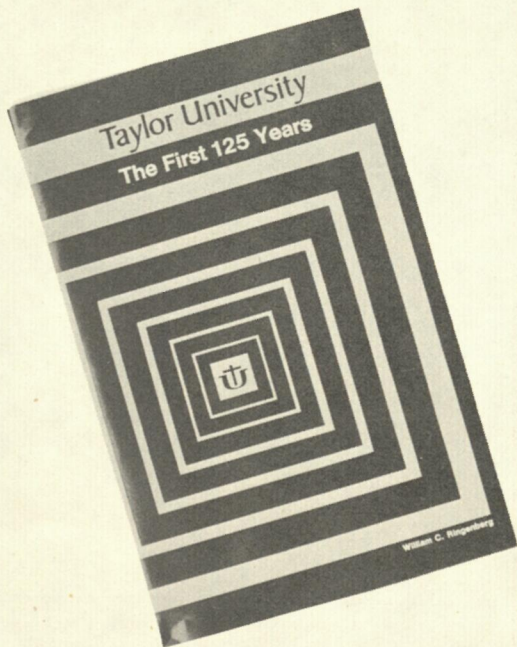
Mrs. Max Lind (left), The Rev. Joel Eidsness, Jeff Lind and friend were among the seventy attending the Phoenix Reception.

Other guests included Dr. Rediger's sister Mrs. Amanda Price and her family from Lake Havasu City, Tom Atcitty '63, President of Navajo Community College and his Administrative Assistant Arthur Lomax '57. Jack Van Vessem, Director of Alumni Affairs, also participated along with Debbie Stoutland of the Admissions student staff.

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Attention Alumni!

All alumni activities including class reunions and the Honors Banquet which previously were held during Commencement Weekend, will NOT be held this spring! These events will be featured during Homecoming Weekend October 11-13. Extensive plans are in process and will be announced soon. Be sure to reserve these dates.



Book Review

Taylor University: The First 125 Years, by Dr. William Ringenberg Reviewed by Dr. George Fenstermacher.

Dr. William Ringenberg's recently published history of Taylor University, entitled *Taylor University: The First 125 Years* is a most readable and informative book. It has given me unusual pleasure, because I taught at Taylor University for twenty-five years and have lived just off the campus for more than fifty years.

The author's stance is that of a true historian. Two qualities of a good historical writer are most evident in this book. First, Dr. Ringenberg is well informed concerning the college. He has done much research in libraries, newspaper files, court records, etc. as well as having interviews with those who he knew had information. Secondly, he has treated his subject most objectively, showing, as far as this reader was able to discern, neither prejudice nor bias.

The reader must remember that to stay within the limits of 175 pages the writer is forced to make a selection of material. It is at this point that many historians, reporters and newscasters show a possible tendency to editorialize. Dr. Ringenberg has avoided this pitfall completely, in my opinion. In other words, although being unable to include all, he, nevertheless, has not omitted any link in the chain of experience of Taylor University.

The question as to whether an institution possesses a unique "soul," "spirit," or "personality" is debatable. It is true that an institution is usually the lengthened shadow of an individual, or of individuals. This "lengthened shadow" at times seems to take on the characteristics of a "soul." In the case of Taylor University, as is often true, that "shadow" is a composite of influence exerted by scores and scores of people, students and staff persons, who had perhaps nothing to do with the factual history of the school. I think of the influence of such students as Frank Cottingham, Henry Margue, Martha McCutcheon and others. I think of staff persons such as Ira Peavey, Ivel Guiler, Sadie Louise Miller, Theodora Bothwell, and many others.

A person, picking up the book, *Taylor University: The First 125 Years*, expecting to find the reflection of this "soul" may be disappointed. The book is not that. Rather, it is the work of a well-informed, objective historian — a work which fills an otherwise empty place in the annals of Taylor University. I have personally expressed my thanks to Dr. Ringenberg for writing an excellent book.

Study Seminar Set for Britain

A study seminar in Britain will be conducted May 29-June 28 for Taylor sophomores and juniors and guest students.

One purpose of the tour will be to study the scope of British education — nursery school through university. Participants who are majors in English, Religion, History, Sociology or other fields will have opportunity to develop individualized programs of study.

The group will depart from Chicago's O'Hare Airport on May 29 and will visit London, Tunbridge Wells, Bournemouth, Grange-In Borrowdale, Edinburgh, Scotland and other areas.

Four term hours of practicum credit will be given for this tour.

Donor Response Exceeds 1 1/2 Million Dollars

Total giving to Taylor for the current academic year (Since July 1) passed the one million mark in December and reached \$1,507,318 as of March 31.

Annual Fund giving from July 1-March 31 totaled \$248,581. A balance of \$92,419 is needed by June 30 to meet budget requirements for 1973-74.

Phonathons Scheduled in Six Cities

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| May 13 | Indianapolis area
Paul Cox '73,
Chairman |
| May 21 | New York area
Gordon Hansen '53,
Chairman |
| May 28 | Philadelphia area
David C. Fraser '65,
Chairman |
| June 3, 4 | Chicago area
Chairman to be
announced |

Alumni, parents and friends in the Detroit area conducted a Phonathon April 16 with Dennis Young '73 serving as Chairman. Sharon Rupp '60 headed a Phonathon staged in Fort Wayne April 29.

Results of Phonathons will be announced in future publications.



Coach Odle is congratulated by well-wishers after winning 400th game.

Odle Achieves Hall of Fame

Taylor's internationally-known basketball coach, Don J. Odle, recently received additional recognition to add to his list of honors.

Odle was named to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in televised ceremonies in Indianapolis March 20. During the program he was cited for his outstanding career as a college player and 28 years as coach at Taylor.

December 15 brought a high moment to the popular sports figure when he won his 400th game as coach of the Trojans — an 88-73 win over George Williams College. Odle is only the tenth currently active college and university coach to achieve the 400 victory mark.

Graduation Weekend Features Dr. Hoffmann

Commencement weekend May 17 and 18, will focus on graduating seniors, with alumni activities now centered in Homecoming weekend, October 11-13.

Senior activities will feature a reception on May 17 from 6:00-8:00 p.m., followed by the Senior Recognition Buffet and program in the Dining Commons. A memorable evening for members of the class of 1974 and their parents has been planned by a committee headed by Joseph Fritzsche '69, Director of Student Financial Aid.

Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffmann, renowned Lutheran Hour speaker will present the Baccalaureate address at 9:30 a.m. May 18, Saturday during outdoor ceremonies on the campus. Commencement will be held at 2:00 p.m. In case of rain, the events will move to Eastbrook High School.

Six Reasons For A Will

Taylor University

has available several free booklets that may be of interest to you in considering how to plan for the future. Please check the box below for any you wish sent to you.

Please send "Some Things You Should Know About"

- ☐ Making Your Will
- ☐ Life Income Contracts at Taylor University
- ☐ Charitable Gift Annuities at Taylor University

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A significant number of alumni and friends have provided for T.U. in their wills or have made Taylor the beneficiary of a Life Insurance Policy. Such information given confidentially, will help Taylor to plan for the future.

Contrary to widespread belief, a Will is an instrument for TODAY, not just for tomorrow. It is an exact and vital statement of your wishes and plans for the security of your family and the institutions you cherish.

Six good reasons for having a current will are:

1. To dispose of your property as you wish
2. To permit flexibility in carrying out your wishes
3. To carry out your wishes most economically
4. To provide for your children according to your wishes
5. To avoid common disaster problems
6. To provide gifts to charity

Each of these reasons is discussed in the free booklet "Making Your Will." A copy will be sent to you without cost or obligation by marking the appropriate box at left and returning the response card to Development Office, Taylor University, Upland, Ind. 46989.

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